

Mission Statement: "We are called through Baptism to lead a Holy Life and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ..."



Most Blessed Sacrament

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25 Mar 2018

**Palm Sunday
of the
Lord's Passion**

"Eloi, Eloi,
lema
sabachthani
?"
which is
translated,
"My God,
my God,
why have
you
forsaken
me?"



**Mark
14: 1
to
15:47**

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

**CONFESSIONS:
Monday 6:00-6:30 pm.**

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Confessions Mon Tue Wed 5:30-6:30 PM

**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM
Adoration 8-10PM
Night Prayer 10PM**

**Good Friday- Divine Office of Tenebrae 9AM
Confessions 11AM-12Noon
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3PM
Stations of the Cross 7PM**

Holy Saturday Blessing of Food Noon-12 PM

**Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8PM Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday Masses 6AM- 7:30AM- 10:15 AM**

**All Guests and New
Parishioners
are
Most Welcome!
You can register at
our parish on line
at:
www.mbsbally.org**

**Parish Office
will be
Closed
on
Holy Thursday
&
Reopen
Thursday
April 5th**

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 PM—People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM—Thomas J. Nicholas, by Dave & Ruth Gamler

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM—Carl Schott, by Robert & Diana Virus

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM—All the Deceased Priests of
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM—Commemoration of Our Lords Passion

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM—For the Intentions of our RCIA Elect and
Their Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 AM—Blodwyn Smith, by Her Family

7:30 AM—George Melcher & Parents, by Their Family

10:15 AM—People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25-2018

Procession with Palms Mark 11: 1-10

Reading 1: Isaiah 50-4-7

Reading 2: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Mark 14: 1—15:47

LEGION OF MARY Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. **MASS CARDS**

To schedule a Mass please stop by the Rectory Office
between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs.

PRA Y FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon	Mar 26—Fr. Robert George
Tue	Mar 27—Fr. John Gibbons
Wed	Mar 28—Fr. David Gillis
Thur	Mar 29—Msgr. William Glosser
Fri	Mar 30—Msgr. Gerald Gobitas
Sat	Mar 31—Msgr. John Grabish
Sun	Apr 01—Holy Father Pope Francis

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday from 8:30am-6:30 pm
Followed by Benediction and
Miraculous Medal Novena

**Please Pray for
all in our Armed
Services**



*ISSN Keith Essig,
SGT Jeffrey Ferry,
CPT. Kevin Bergan,
SGT Brad Kline,
USMC 2nd Lt. Peter C. Fisher,
SPC Daniel Saylor,
CPL Matt Renner,
PSC Derrick Avant,
SPC Michael Greaves,
SGT Vince Sodano,
Chief Noah W. Ziegler,
MAJ Jeremy Bushyager,
SGT Eddie Pierce,
CAPT Justin Knepp,
PFC Sam S. Myers,
Lt. 1st Class Heather Cupitt,
Staff SGT Eric J. Crews,
Staff SGT, Anthony Lucarelli,
MAJ Michael O'Kane,
SSG Antonio Rivera,
Airman 1st Class Andrew Gerard,
SSgt. Michael Viola,
Douglas Philip Murray,
Staff SGT J.T. Walters,
Lt. Justin Hazlett,
MSTR SGT Jason Robbins,
CPT Tylara Romero,
2nd LT Konrad Thaler,
Midshipman Piper Thaler,
David Stavish, Capt, USN,
Joseph Stavish, Cdr, USN,
SPC James O' Connor,
Markus De Larantus, Navy,
PFC USMC Emily Gehringer
ENS Alex Viola
Staff SGT Megan Crews*

“Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts that they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.”

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

Mission Trip- Cumberland, MD

We still have 5 spots left for the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June. Please let Heather know if you would like to take one of these spots... it is a week you will never forget! We are also in need of another MALE chaperone, too. Please let Heather know if you are interested. **Dates are June 17th-June 22nd.**

Heather Shainline is our Director of our vibrant Youth Group. She can be reached at: youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Altar Servers

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM -Matthew & Gianna Graczyk, Ryan Willing – Troy Viola

GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE 9 AM-Thomas Nguyen

3:00 PM-Matthew & Gianna Graczyk

7:00 PM -Paul & Andrew Dalickas – Mary James

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM-Delaney Geise – Robert Houk – Philip & Thomas Heid—Marlena Agricoli

EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 AM—Autumn Kline

7:30 AM-Devon & Brayden Richard – Zachariah McLaughlin

10:15 AM—Kelly & Maureen Ryan – Lucas Kienle

YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

The CCD teacher asked her class of 6-year olds, “Do any of you remember who Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were?” Total silence in the classroom.

“Can you tell me who Paul of Tarsus was?” Again, nothing but silence.

“Well, then,” the teacher asked with a slight edge to her voice, “surely you should be able to tell me who Peter was?”

Little Wally shouted from the back of the room, “I fink he was a wabbit.”!!

And we “fink” the CCD teacher finally smiled!

St. Francis Academy

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March 28 - Early Dismissal 12:00 NOON

March 29, 30 - NO School *Happy Easter!*

April 2 - Snow Make-Up Day-There IS school today!

Congratulations to our HSA for another successful Designer Bag Bingo. Thank you to all the people who worked so hard to put it together. Thanks also go out to all the players who supported the event.

Anniversary News

Mar— Students are working on 275 Random Acts of Kindness

Apr— Our Hedge Fund concludes on Arbor Day April 27 The Sea Glass Art winner will be drawn. We'll celebrate after our school Mass. Join us!

May - We are going to honor the Sisters of St. Francis who served our school for many years.

June 2 - SAVE THE DATE! IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Details for all these plans will be coming soon.

We are very happy to report that our students raised \$2,150 for the American Heart Association. It was done through the Jump Rope for Heart program organized in gym class by Miss Karen Bauer. Grades K through 8 participated.

SFA Spring Cleanout Our school is having a used clothing collection on Saturday, March 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the school parking lot. Our school receives money for every pound we collect. Please put all your donations in a tightly tied plastic bag. Contact Meghan Griech with any questions: mbwilson02@hotmail.com or call/text **610-730-5441**.

SFA lunch volunteers needed in the Kindergarten Building and the Big School. Parents and grandparents welcome! Please call the school for more information. Thank you.

Reminder-Registration and re-registration for the 2018-19 school year is taking place now grades **PK 4-yr-old program through Grade 8**.

Any questions, please call school **610-845-7364**.

Keep saving those Box Tops and Redner's tapes. The Proceeds help with HSA projects. Plastic cash is our biggest fundraiser.

Thank you for all your support.

Fr. Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

First, I want to thank everyone who made our Lenten Friday Fish Fry's another great success. Everything was so good once again and it is something to look forward to every year. Many thanks and God's blessings be upon you! Also, thanks to our Knights of Columbus and everyone who came together to support our first annual Beef n' Beer Dinner. Again, it was a great success and a terrific event! Looking forward to many more like this.

In continuing to reflect on the devotion of Divine Mercy, it is a beautiful gift to the Church in our times. The remedy for all the ills that plague our world is found only in the Mercy of God. As members of Christ, of His Body, He asks us, He desires us to be vessels of His Mercy, making reparation for the world by our prayer. This is embodied so well in prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and in the observance of the Feast of Divine Mercy. The Feast is the Sunday after Easter, this year April 8th. This Feast was asked for by Our Lord Himself through the revelations to St. Faustina and this was made an official Feast Day of the Church by Pope St. John Paul II. In her diary St. Faustina records these words of our Lord:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

And in another entry, He tells her:

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (Diary 341)

And: Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

From these words of Our Lord we can see His desire for this Feast and very clearly how to observe this Feast of Mercy. Essentially, we are to venerate the Image of Divine Mercy, go to confession, this can be fulfilled anytime during the seasons of Lent and Easter, receive Holy Communion, since this Feast is a Sunday a day of obligation, we can receive at the Sunday Masses, and finally show the mercy of God in our actions to others.

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UPCOMING News, Events and Ministry Information

PAPER RETRIEVERS.

Please DO NOT drop off paper in or around the Paper Retrievers. The program is no longer in service.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION—Each year on Good Friday in every Catholic Church around the world, a collection is taken up, the proceeds of which sustains Christianity in the Holy Land.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on **April 8th** after the 10:15 mass. Infants thru teens are invited. Volunteers are needed to fill the eggs and to help at the egg hunt. Donations of plastic eggs are greatly needed plus the goodies filling the eggs such as; individual wrapped candy, prizes, prize baskets, individual snack packs, sport drinks and juice boxes. Drop off donations in bin found in the vestibule of church or for pick-up call Cindy at 267-377-9948.

AnB Education, a non-profit travel exchange agency for international high school students, needs loving host families with an empty bedroom, who are looking to give back and experience another culture inside their very own home. A generous monthly stipend is provided. Call AnB Education 267-263-2481 or email hosting@anbeducation.com. The application is online at www.anbeducation.us.

LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bally Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, **April 8th**, from 7 AM to 12 PM at the Bally Fire Company.

(Fr. Adam's Corner Continued)

In our parish we will have a special celebration for the Feast of Divine Mercy that Sunday afternoon, April 8th. Beginning at 2PM we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and confession will be available until 2:45. At 3PM we will have prayers for Divine Mercy Sunday and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy. So to reiterate, come to the church anytime between 2 and 3PM and then at 3PM we will have prayers and devotions with Benediction and the veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy.

Please plan now to be here and to praise the Lord together for the gift of His Mercy and together to make intercession for the whole world, that all people will turn to the Lord and seek His Mercy now, before the Lord returns to be our judge.

Peace
Fr. Adam



Parish News and Events

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FISH FRY LEFTOVERS:

If there are any left overs they will be sold Sunday after the 10:15 Mass from the carnival building. Thank you!!! Margaret and Chris” If you are interested in taking the used oil call at **610-248-2171**.

RCIA CANDIDATES

Please pray for Anna Blankenbiller and William Wood, our RCIA Elect, who will be received into full communion with the Church during the Easter Vigil at 8 p.m., our most solemn liturgy of the Church Year. Please join us in welcoming our newest members and attend this Mass if possible.

PARISH CEMETERY REMINDER

Just a reminder that according to our parish regulations; the use of shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, glass, plastics, jars and containers, metal cases, barriers, pebbles, wooden or metal crosses, foot stones, iron furniture, concrete urns, and pedestals shall not be permitted in any plot. The cemetery authorities shall remove all. Plants, flowers and wreaths are permitted on plots at the head of the grave in acceptable temporary containers, but will be removed when unsightly or within reasonable discretion of Cemetery Authorities.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Kehs — that she may rest in the eternal peace and love of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

BINGO

Volunteers are needed, no experience necessary. Contact: Janice Szilli **610-987-8851**.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Father Adam Sedar
Weekend Assistant - Father Kevin Bobbin
Deacons - Thomas J. Murphy & Mike Boyle
Administrative Assistant - Cindy Repko
Financial Secretary - Sue Nitroy
Parish School, St. Francis Academy -
 Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Headmaster
Preschool Teacher—Maria Crail
Director of Religious Edu - Deacon Murphy
RCIA Coordinator—Deacon Murphy

News, Ministries & Organizations

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The next “REACH OUT” meeting is **Sunday, March 25th** at Most Blessed Sacrament’s Schneider Hall at 1 PM. The following meeting will be on **April 8th** at St Columbkil’s Conference RM at 1 PM. Easter speaks to the new spring. For those that have lost a loved one, the Easter message is to trust in our faith and to trust in others. The support of those who understand cannot be overestimated. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. For more information , please call Dn. Mike Boyle at **484-336-9849**.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 18, 2018—\$8,241.00
 Plus an Additional \$951.00 Online Collections
TOTAL COLLECTED = \$9,192.00

Bus trip to Museum of the Bible – Sat., April 14th –
 Cost: \$57/person. Call SPN Catholic Family Life Center at **215-679-2237** for details.

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET

"The Washing of the Feet is performed on this day, represents the service and charity of Christ, who came 'not to be served, but to serve.' **Eight volunteers** are needed, a sign-up sheet can be found on the table in back of church.

Diocesan Marriage Conference Together in

Holiness. . Register now for the Diocesan Marriage Conference on Saturday **April 14, 2018**. The conference will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert. **Child care is available.** Visit the website www.togetherinholiness.org to learn more. For any questions call **610-289-8900 ext. 2028**.

PARISH STAFF

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